Supporting the Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations through Regional Discussions and Expertise Sharing

Regional Seminar for countries in South and Central Asia
10-12 November 2010
Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I
For diplomatic and military personnel responsible for national policies vis-à-vis the ATT

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

08:30–09:00  Registration
09:00–10:30  Opening Session

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening remarks:

Hon. Sujata Koirala, Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Foreign Minister of Nepal
Alexander Spachis, Head of the EU Delegation in Nepal
Taijiro Kimura, Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific

Presentations:

ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Pamela Maponga, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs
Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Riju Raj Jamwal, Control Arms Foundation of India

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects
Chair: Sudhir Bhattarai, Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal
Presentations:
Towards 2012: Scope, parameters and implementation as discussed at the Preparatory Committee
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Transparency in conventional arms transfers
Richard Tornberg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

ATT initiative and international humanitarian law
Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:00 SESSION II: National and regional views on an ATT
Chair: Faruque Hussain, Bangladesh Army
Presentations:
India’s view on an Arms Trade Treaty
Ranbir Singh, Ministry of Defense of India

Thailand and the ATT initiative
Phasana Puthikampol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

SAARC and arms transfer controls – challenges and priorities
Renuka Rajapakse, Director, Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Discussion.

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:30 SESSION III: Other perspectives to an ATT
Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, EU Council Secretariat
Presentations:

*A future ATT: some international legal issues*
Annyssa Bellal, Senior Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

*Assistance and cooperation under an ATT*
Kerry Maze, independent consultant

Discussion.

Wrap-up of Day 1

**DAY 2**

**Thursday, 11 November 2010**

09:00–10:15  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part I (scope and parameters)**

10:15–10:30  Coffee break

10:30–11:30  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part II (implementation)**

11:30–11:45  Wrap-up of group work and a break

11:45–12:30  **SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Presentation of results from the working groups

Discussion.

12:30–13:00  **Closing session of Part I of the regional seminar**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Remarks: European Union Representative

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue
PART II
For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

During the day: arrival of participants

Thursday, 11 November 2010

13:00–15:00  Lunch at conference venue

15:00–15:30  Opening Session
Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening remarks:

- European Union Representative
- Roman Hunger, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific

15:30–16:45  SESSION I: Overview of national and regional systems to regulate conventional arms trade
Chair: Roman Hunger, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific

Presentations:

- Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments
  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

- EU Common Position in improving arms transfer controls in Europe
  Ales Vytecka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Discussion.

16:45–17:00  Coffee break

17:00–18:00  SESSION II: Establishing effective national systems
Chair: Pamela Maponga, ODA
Presentations:

National experiences of Kyrgyzstan on arms exports and transfers
Biubiusara Toktonalieva, Ministry of Economy of Kyrgyzstan

Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls
Richard Tornberg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Discussion.

19:00–20:30 Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II)

DAY 3

Friday, 12 November 2010

09:00–10:30 SESSION III: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical implications
Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Presentations:

Import control practices in Malaysia
Mohd Ishrin Mohd Ishak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

National procedures of transfer controls in Afghanistan
Brigadier General Aziz Ahmad Farahi, Ministry of Defence of Afghanistan

Discussion.

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 SESSION IV: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers
Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, EU Council Secretariat

Presentations:

Marking, record-keeping and accounting of weapons and ITI
Ales Vytecka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Role and functioning of the UN Register of Conventional Arms
Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

Discussion.
13:00-14:30  Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls**

15:45–16:00  Coffee break

16:00–16:45  **SESSION V: Continued**

16:45–17:15  **SESSION VI: Bringing together the results**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Presentation of results from the working groups: practical lessons learned and recommended next steps

17:15–17:30  **Closing Session**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

*Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations*

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

Alexander Spachis, Head of the EU Delegation in Nepal

Sudhir Bhattarai, Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Taijiro Kimura, Director, UNRC PD